

Childminder Report

Inspection date

24 June 2016

Previous inspection date

28 March 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Met	
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The childminder offers an outstanding service. Her constant drive for improvement is supported by excellent systems which help her to review and develop the quality of her provision. This enhances all aspects of her practice to maintain the highest levels of achievement for all children.
- The quality of teaching is consistently of a very high standard. Children are highly motivated to learn and thoroughly enjoy the superb activities and experiences provided by the childminder. They make excellent progress in their learning.
- The childminder supports and develops children's communication and language skills exceptionally well. She uses an extensive range of teaching skills to introduce and model the use of new words. The childminder enthusiastically engages children in conversations and responds positively to their ideas and suggestions.
- The childminder's home, both indoors and outside, is highly stimulating and exceptionally well resourced. It has been planned meticulously to support all areas of learning.
- The childminder establishes superb partnership working with parents and other professionals, to ensure that children's needs are highly supported.
- The childminder provides clear boundaries and gentle guidance to help each child quickly understand her expectations. Children's behaviour is exemplary. They learn to be kind and tolerant towards their friends. Children form extremely close relationships with each other and with the childminder and the atmosphere is very positive.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- continue to build on the excellent ideas and resources for parents to further complement children's learning at home.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to the childminder and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector jointly observed and discussed with the childminder the teaching and learning activities provided.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents, carers and children, including those expressed in recent letters.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability of members of the household and the childminder's qualifications.
- The inspector looked at children's records, planning documentation and a range of other documentation, including policies and procedures.

Inspector

Rachel Deputy

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The qualified and experienced childminder has an excellent knowledge and understanding of her responsibility to protect children from harm. She is dedicated to driving continual improvements in her provision. The childminder attends regular training, seeks support from other childminders, and uses research to extend her knowledge. She uses her expert knowledge gained from higher-level qualifications to engage and motivate children to learn. This commitment contributes to the excellent quality provision she provides and the rapid progress that children make. Parents comment that they are extremely happy with the care and learning provided. The childminder plans to share even more information with them about how they can complement their child's learning at home.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder uses thorough observations and precise assessments to plan an excellent range of activities. This is tailored exceptionally well to children's individual needs and abilities. The childminder is particularly skilled in promoting children's mathematical skills. For example, children learn about shape, size and colour by categorising and comparing the models they create with each other. The childminder takes children to places of interest, such as the beach, farms, country parks and museums. Children have exceptional opportunities to learn about the natural world. They talk to zookeepers about which parts of the world different animals come from and watch honey being gathered from beehives.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder has an excellent understanding of how to promote equality and diversity. She offers meaningful opportunities to support children to develop tolerance and respect of each other's views and the diverse society in which they live. Children are fully supported to develop their wonderful independence and self-care skills at every opportunity. The childminder includes children in tasks such as chopping fruit and talks to them about the importance of healthy lifestyles and personal safety. For example, children understand that washing their hands kills germs and that they must always sit down when using scissors. Children thoroughly enjoy the many opportunities they have to develop their physical skills in the childminder's garden or on a wonderful variety of outings into their local community.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are enthusiastic and brimming with confidence. All make exceptional progress and demonstrate their joy in learning. They question why things happen and use their impressive counting skills as they play. Children positively thrive and often exceed typical expectations in learning for their age. Children have many opportunities to develop their early reading and writing skills and demonstrate all the essential skills they need in readiness for starting school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	306313
Local authority	Wirral
Inspection number	955304
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 9
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	10
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	28 March 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 1994 and lives in Upton, Wirral. She operates all year round from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 4.

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